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SEEK BOSTON MAN IN BESSIE DAVIS MYSTERY



SLAIN GIRL'S FATHER (on left) AND BROTHER (on right) REVIEWING SCENE OF FINDING BODY

BATTLE OF MUKDEN IS OPENED BY JAPANESE

HAMLIN WON'T RUN FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

VANGUARD ASSUMES OFFENSIVE—KURO-
PATKIN ENMESHED BY FOUR ARMIES.

Special Cable to Boston American.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The battle of Mukden has begun. Field Marshal Oyama, after expelling General Kuropatkin with four armies, has commenced the conflict on the right bank of the river. The Japanese are attacking the Manchurian road and the heights of the village of Tounyue. The advance was stopped by our troops and the enemy retreated along the whole line.

The enemy's "anguard," consisting of one battalion and two squadrons of cavalry, has assumed the offensive in the district between the Manchurian road and the heights of the village of Tounyue. The advance was stopped by our troops and the enemy retreated along the whole line.

The enemy has not yet advanced north of Tounyue on the left bank of the river, but an increased force has been observed in the neighborhood of Shantung. The Japanese are attacking the Manchurian road and the heights of the village of Tounyue. The advance was stopped by our troops and the enemy retreated along the whole line.

From another dispatch it is learned that four Japanese armies are continuing their advance on the right bank of the river. The Japanese are attacking the Manchurian road and the heights of the village of Tounyue. The advance was stopped by our troops and the enemy retreated along the whole line.

JAPS LOSE 1,300 IN NIGHT ATTACK

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A telegram to a local news agency from St. Petersburg says a dispatch has been received by the official news agency there from Harbin, saying that the Japanese lost 1,300 men killed in the night attack on Fort Arthur Bay on Sept. 26.

The Russian warships, it is added, rendered valuable assistance in repelling the Japanese.

BELIEVES HE CAN BE OF MORE SERVICE TO
PARTY BY NOT BECOMING CANDIDATE.

After considering the matter for a week, consulting with State and national leaders, including Judge Alton B. Parker, Charles S. Hamlin has decided that he will not be a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the Democratic ticket.

His decision was announced at a conference held today by some of the prominent Democrats of the State.

"My principle reason for coming to this conclusion," he said, "is that I really believe I can be of more service to the national and State organization by not becoming a candidate."

Mr. Hamlin has been and will be busily engaged in political work in New York. He arrived in Boston today, and returned later to New York.

This decision, while Mr. Hamlin had previously said he preferred not to be a candidate, came as a surprise to most leaders of the party, as they had thought he would accept the nomination, considering the influence with which his name was surrounded by leaders throughout the State.

Today they are somewhat at sea regarding candidates. There are a score of men suggested—the difficulty is an excess rather than an insufficiency of candidates—but

the party leaders are desirous of finding the very strongest man for Mr. Hamlin's rising name.

Current, or Springfield, McDowell, of Springfield, Thayer, of Worcester, Butler, of Lowell, Uppier, of Methuen, and others, of Springfield, are all being talked of today. Competitions are being held with a number of them to ascertain if they will be candidates.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee will be held tomorrow, instead of Tuesday, as had been planned, and it is probable that the entire matter will be submitted to the convention of the convention, a week from Friday, and that Charles S. Hamlin will be chairman of the committee on results.

Friend of Slain Girl, It Is Believed, May Be Able to Throw Some Light on Tragedy—"Man With the Whistle" Suspect Is Known to the Beverly Farms Police.

Police Lieutenant Williams, of Beverly Farms, informed a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter this afternoon that a young Boston man is being sought in connection with the tragic death of Bessie G. Davis, whose body was found at the water's edge at West Beach.

This young man was formerly attentive to the girl and was recently seen with her. According to the police report, the girl was devoted to him.

Medical Examiner Stickney announced this afternoon that he would immediately take his report to District Attorney Peters, urging a thorough investigation of the tragedy. The police and all who have investigated the case believe Miss Davis was murdered.

Torn fragments of a letter found near the spot where the girl was slain are expected to furnish an important clue.

The autopsy showed vicious wounds on the girl's head which could not have been self-inflicted or caused by the action of the surf dashing the body against the rocks. The hat and gloves of the victim were found on a rock, where they would have been carried to sea by high tide, and yet they were perfectly dry.

The girl disappeared from her home on Sunday night, nearly five hours before high tide, and the suicide theory would necessarily imply that she had killed herself within a few hours of leaving home.

That the girl had an engagement to meet some one, whom the police say they know, is shown by persons who saw her within half an hour after she left home. One of these, Benjamin Hawkins, commented to a companion on the strangeness of the girl walking alone in the direction of West Beach, until he heard a shrill whistle after she passed. Then he said:

"I guess Bessie knows where she is going."

FULL DETAILS OF BESSIE DAVIS TRAGEDY ON PAGES 2, 3 AND 4.

NEW BEDFORD MAN HELD.

CHARGED WITH ARSON
NEW BEDFORD, Sept. 27.—Lester W. Reed was arrested, charged with arson, and held in \$10,000 for the Superior Court.

The fire which caused Reed's arrest occurred last Friday, in a house at West North, near North Mills, owned by Reed and owned by Sebastian Hyman, of New Bedford.

INQUEST FACTS WILL GO ON TO FOUL PLAY!

BESSIE DAVIS KILLED BY MAN SHE MET ON BEACH



BESSIE DAVIS, THE SLAIN GIRL.

ANALYSIS OF CASE BY OFFICIALS SUSTAINS THEORY OF MURDER.

A more appalling tragedy than that which resulted in the shocking death of pretty Bessie G. Davis, of Beverly Farms, nor one shrouded in greater mystery, has never shocked the residents of the beautiful North Shore of Massachusetts.

Every circumstance brought out by the autopsy, the police investigation and the statements of the girl's parents, family and friends, points to a shocking murder. There appears to be absolutely no single incident to support the theory that the girl committed suicide.

Medical Examiner Stuckey performed the autopsy at Beverly late last night. He was assisted by Drs. Martin, Sica and Sears. They found no indication that the girl had died from drowning, while the various wounds on her head indicated that she had met with great violence at the hands of a strong man.

There were two wounds on the girl's head, one a ghastly cut and the other a puncture wound. Both penetrated clear into the skull. Both were such that they could not have been self-inflicted, and, according to medical experts, could not have resulted from the body being dashed against the rocks by the action of the surf.

A torn note, the fragments of which have been pieced together, furnish a clue which may prove important.

TORN NOTE A CLUE.

The fragments read as follows:—Other than I should serve "Illness—your death—fancies of his life—to hold until you—I also—could circumvent for—" his death—I am a correspondent:

The strongest indication that the girl was the victim of an assassin is that tightly clutched in her hand when her body was found was a rounded stone, about twice the size of a hen's egg. Another circumstance was that her eyes were tightly closed. Had death resulted from drowning the eyes would be open, and the muscles relaxed so that she could not have clasped the stone.

All the known facts in the appalling tragedy are these:

On Sunday afternoon Bessie Davis was the centre of a home party at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis N. Davis, at No. 23 Everett street. The Davis home is on the opposite side of the railroad tracks from the bridge. A cousin of the Davis children, Edward Merrill, of Chelsea, was among the Sunday guests. Bessie Davis was a graduate of the Beverly High School, of the class of '04; a teacher in the Sunday school of the Second Baptist Church, and had been employed as a governess in the home of Otis K. Luke, at "The Rocks," in Beverly Farms. Mr. Luke is a member of a wealthy and famous family. The girl was of irreproachable character, and was extremely popular in Beverly Farms.

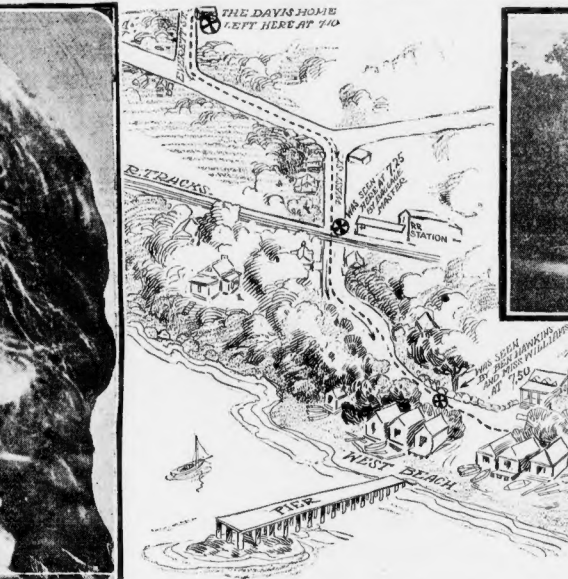
On Sunday evening, a few minutes past 7 o'clock, she put on a tan jacket over her white linen shirt waist and black skirt, a brown straw hat trimmed with orange ribbons, tan gloves and left the house. She was in the best of spirits.

SAID SHE WAS GOING "TO KEEP A DATE."

Her cousin said to her: "Where are you going, Bess? To church?" "No, I have a date," she replied laughingly.

The old father of the girl declared to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter that this was a common remark which any of his three sons and two daughters would make when questioned on leaving home. His children were of happy dispositions and disposed to joke with each other. He therefore paid no attention to Bessie's declaration, nor did others in the family. It was supposed by all in the household that she was going to church.

Fifteen minutes later Edward Knowlton, lieutenant-master at the Beverly Farms station, saw the familiar figure of the young girl crowding the tracks down Everett street, in the general direction of both the beach and the church. Instead of turning off into the street in which the church is



Map Drawn on the Scene by Artist Carl of the Boston American Staff.

MAP SHOWING ROUTE OF MISS DAVIS TO PLACE WHERE BODY WAS FOUND.

Miss Bessie G. Davis left her home on Everett street on Sunday evening about 7:15 o'clock. From there she saw her last it is shown that she walked toward the railroad station and crossed the track, going in the direction of the West Cove beach, at 7:25. She was seen at the railroad by Baggage Master Edward Knowlton.

Further along, in the direction of the beach, Miss Davis was seen about 7:50 by Benjamin Hawkins and Miss Williams, who were taking a walk. They are the last persons, so far as has been discovered, who saw the young woman alive.

From that point it appears that she followed the irregular path and descended the stairway to the rocky beach. There were still electric lights when she reached the pier which jut out over ragged rocks and marks the beginning of the beach, and the moon was shining brightly.

NOT AFRAID OF LONELY BEACH.

Near the pier she passed Benjamin Hawkins and Elsie Williams, both of Beverly Farms and both friends of the girl. They stopped her a moment and asked her if she was not afraid to go down to the lonely beach.

"No, it is beautiful moonlight night and I am not afraid," replied the girl.

Hawkins and Miss Williams observed her for a few moments. They expected to see her stroll out on the pier, but instead she turned to the left.

"I wonder where she is going," said Hawkins. "I should think she'd be afraid to go out alone."

Just then the two heard a shrill whistle, twice repeated, from the direction in which the girl had turned. It was unmistakably a signal, and Hawkins remarked:

"Well, I guess she knows where she is going."

SAW GIRL WAVE HER HAND.

Hawkins said today to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter: "When I heard the whistle I thought I saw the girl wave her hand. I supposed that it was some meeting with a friend and paid no attention to it, except I thought that it accounted for Bessie's presence alone in that lonely neighborhood. The darkness and trees completely concealed the person whom she evidently met. The moon was shining, but in the shadows of the trees it was dark."

The further movements of the unfortunate girl on that Sunday night are shrouded in mystery. Now comes theory.

The father and family of Bessie Davis believe that she was waylaid by a stranger and that, while defending herself from attack, she was murdered. They believe that her body was taken from the spot where the crime was committed to West Beach and thrown into the water. At that point the water is not of sufficient depth to drown any one, and when the body was found the surf was barely washing it. They believe that the body was thrown into the shallow water at the foot of the rocks after high tide, and the hot and rusty folded gloves were placed on the rocks to give the crime the appearance of a suicide.

The police point out, however, that Bessie Davis must have been slain, if she was murdered, by some one thoroughly familiar with the location. They say a person could have made his way over the difficult path leading to the slippy rocks and disposed of the body. They therefore assume the likelihood of the girl having been acquainted with her assailant, whom they desire to be the man they assert was to meet her there Sunday night, and having actually met him by appointment. With the rest of the theory of the father the police coincide.

Did Not Wait For Bessie.

The Davis family retired early with little waiting for Bessie's return. The front door was left unlocked for her, as she did not night keys. When it was discovered in the morning, however, that she had not returned, the family grew alarmed, and notified the police.

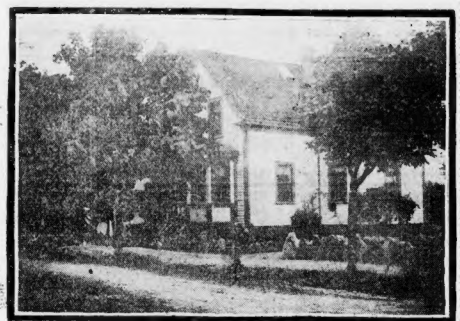
Trinimian Williams, of Beverly police, started a search aided by his son Frank A. Williams, and Edward Hainable, both the latter having known the dead girl. Williams and Hainable learned that the girl had walked in the direction of West Beach on the night before, and walked over. The beach is a peculiarly isolated spot, back of the famous Lee estate, and is sometimes known as Lee's Beach.

Coming in sight of the rocks, Williams and Hainable were horrified to see the hat and gloves, which they recognized as having been the property of Bessie. A few steps farther brought them in sight of the body of the girl. She had on her jacket, but her hair had been loosened and was down.

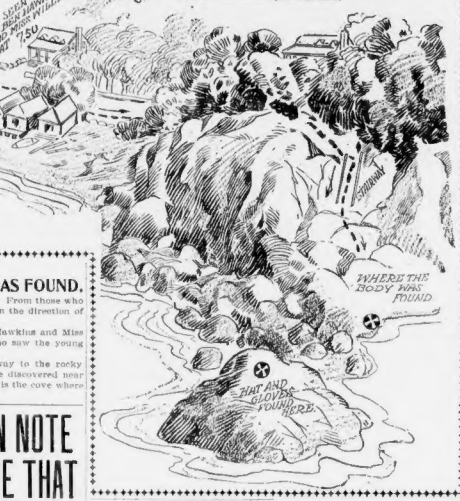
In her hand she held the tightly clutched rock. On her head were the ghastly curls that spoke murder.

Williams drew the body up on the rocks and notified the authorities. It was later removed to Beverly, where the autopsy was held last night.

The medical examiner cannot make public his report in advance of submitting it to the District Attorney. It is asserted, however, that the autopsy showed that death was not due to drowning, and that there was every indication of murder.



THE DAVIS HOME.



WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND.

THE TORN NOTE ONE CLUE THAT IS IMPORTANT

The authorities are convinced that an important clue to the solution of the mystery surrounding the death of Miss Davis is contained in the pieces of the torn note found on the beach near the spot where the body was discovered.

If the young woman committed suicide, it is argued that in leaving the writer of the letter the name of her self destruction may be learned. If she met with foul play, which is the most generally accepted theory, through the pieces of paper the writer may be discovered.

The note which was found on the beach by Mr. McKim, the medical examiner, when placed together, reads:

"Illness—your death—fancies of his life—to hold until you—I also—could circumvent for—" his death—I am a correspondent:

The blank spaces indicate the pieces of the note that are missing and which were probably blown away or washed out to sea. A thousand speculations might be indulged in as to the meaning of the words, but the police are not yet ready to make any statement.

Experts are at work on the writing, and it is expected that they will be able to determine the name of the person who wrote the note. It is also expected that they will be able to determine the date when the note was written.

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"BESSIE SLAIN," SAYS FATHER OF DEAD GIRL "HAPPY AND CONTENTED, SHE DID NOT KILL HERSELF"



Photograph Taken Especially for the Boston American by Photographer J. S. Reid.

GREAT BOULDER WHERE GIRL'S HAT WAS FOUND AND COVE WHERE BODY WAS TAKEN OUT
The cross shows the big boulder which jutted out into West Beach Cove, very irregular of contour, but from which an excellent view of the ocean could be obtained, and where the hat and coat of the dead girl were found. It is an isolated spot and an ideal one for a trying place. The water at the base of the clifflike projection lapses itself into foam upon the jagged points of dozens of other rocks that lie just below the surface at high tide. Because of the shallowness of the water it would not appear to be a place that a person would choose to drown herself. On the contrary, its loneliness would appeal to a person who wanted to put an end to another's life. The cove at the foot of the rock was where the body of Bessie Davis was found.

BESSIE SLAIN, SAYS DEAD GIRL'S FATHER

BY OTIS N. DAVIS,

Father of the Murdered Girl.

No man can ever tell that my poor little girl killed herself. Why should she? She was young; they say, pretty. She had everything to live for—a good home, a loving mother and father, and sisters and brothers who were all to her. Bessie was a God-fearing, lovable girl. When she spoke to her sister before leaving the house Sunday evening: "Rise, rise, I am going to keep a date," I am sure she meant nothing more than an every-day pleasantry. That remark is one of which all my children make use of frequently when they go down to the postoffice, and when one asks the other where they are bound the answer generally is, "I am going to keep a date."

All day Sunday Bessie was gay and light-hearted. In the afternoon we entertained a small party of friends, and of all my children Bessie was by far the more lively and full of life. After dinner Bessie remarked to her two sisters that she was going for a walk. We naturally supposed she was going to call on some of her girl friends, as was her custom on Sunday evenings.

THOUGHT HER AT HOME OF GIRL FRIEND.

About fifteen minutes later, with my wife and the rest of the family, I started for church. I expected to find Bessie there, but not seeing her thought nothing of it, believing she was at the home of some girl friend. When she did not return home at 10 o'clock both my wife and myself spoke of it, but were not uneasy. It was not unusual for Bessie to remain at the home of some girl friend over night.

We retired at about 10:30, as usual. I left a lighted lamp in the hallway. Monday, when I arose at 5 o'clock, the lamp left lighted in the lower hall was still burning.

I went to Bessie's room and found her bed unoccupied. Still I could not believe anything had happened to my poor girl. When breakfast time came somehow or other there was a peculiar feeling of apprehension, which seemed to settle on us. My wife asked me where I thought Bessie could be. I tried to reassure her, and offered half-heartedly to call upon the several friends with whom Bessie was on particularly intimate terms to find out where she had been over night.

INQUIRED FOR MISSING GIRL.

My wife insisted that I do this, and, accompanied by my son Richard, I called at the homes of several of her girl friends. As only one house did I learn anything. This was Elsie Williams, who told me that at ten minutes of 8 o'clock Sunday night she had passed Bessie on West street, near the pier. Miss Williams was walking in company with Benjamin Hawkins, and as Bessie passed them, Elsie said, Bessie spoke pleasantly, but did not stop.

That was the clue that resulted in the finding of my daughter's dead body. I next learned that about 7:30 Bessie Master Knapp, a friend of Bessie's, was crossing the railroad tracks, where she was later found by Miss Williams.

Then I became alarmed. I notified the police at Beverly and asked that I be given assistance in the search for my daughter.

In the meantime Frank Williams, Thomas Neville and Harry Henshaw began a search along the West Beach. They first started at the pier where Miss Williams had last seen Bessie. They went from there along the rocks to the cliff side of the Henry Lee estate.

Frank Williams was the first up the rocks, as I understand it, and the first thing he saw was the hat and gloves, lying on the rocks. Harry Henshaw and Thomas Neville saw the body of my poor girl lying on the rocks about forty feet distant, at practically the same time. Then all three ran to my home and told me.

I did not dare look at the body—the boys told me the face was horribly disfigured. I am an old man, and I knew I could not stand the shock of seeing her in that frightful condition.

THEN THEY TOLD ME SHE HAD KILLED HERSELF. THE UNDERTAKER SAID SHE WAS MURDERED. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER WAS OF THE SAME OPINION. AND I WHO KNOW HER BEST OF ALL, AM AS CERTAIN AS THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN THAT SHE DID NOT KILL HERSELF.

This is not only the opinion of her family, but there is not a man, woman or child in Beverly who knew Bessie, and everybody knew her well, who will not say the same thing as we say, that she had committed suicide.

Everybody I have talked with since the discovery of her body

Facts in the Bessie Davis Mystery at Beverly Farms

The body of Bessie G. Davis, a beautiful young woman of Beverly Farms, was found in the water at West Beach at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

There were two deep scratches on her head. In her right hand a stone was clutched. There was a tense, fearful expression on her face.

The autopsy indicated that the girl had been murdered. She left home at 7 o'clock Sunday night and is believed to have met a man on the road to West Beach less than an hour later.

Her hat and gloves were found on a rock, three feet below high water mark. The police believe they were placed there some time after the murder, by the criminal.

Had they been placed there by the girl herself she must have waited until midnight, otherwise the tide would have washed them from the rock.

Chief of Police Ferguson announced this afternoon that a man is under suspicion, and he wants the report of Medical Examiner Stokely before making an arrest.

is firm in the belief that the poor child was murdered, and yet, they, like all her own family, are at a loss to find a motive for such a heinous deed. She had no enemies, she was beloved by all who knew her, and she was not the sort of girl to make undesirable acquaintances.

FATHER STUDIES THE GIRL'S DEATH PATH

While an hour after the discovery of the body of Bessie G. Davis on the rocky shore of West Beach, the home of the father of the girl, Mr. J. S. Davis, was crowded with a host of sympathetic friends. The popularity of the girl and the fact that only the day before she had been at her husband's school class, where she had been a teacher for the past three years, added materially to the number.

While Mr. and Mrs. Davis were receiving the sympathetic condolences of their neighbors, a reporter for the BOSTON AMERICAN arrived at their home. The four brothers, two sisters, the mother and father of the girl, were all in town, while many of Bessie Davis's former schoolmates were also waiting in the car to see the body to the point of the finding of the body by one of the neighbors.

Father Shocked at Suicide Theory.
Mr. Davis, when asked positively whether in his opinion his daughter had committed suicide, jumped to his feet and exclaimed: "No, no! There is no reason under Heaven why she should have committed suicide. The poor child has been found murdered."

In a voice trembling with emotion and grief, Mr. Davis, in answer to the reporter's question as to the possibility that his daughter had committed suicide, said: "I am a father, and I know my daughter. She was a good girl, and she was not the sort of girl to commit suicide."

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DID NOT TAKE OWN LIFE, SAYS BROTHER

BY RICHARD DAVIS,

Brother of the Murdered Girl.

My sister is dead, and the secret of her death seems to have died with her. We are helplessly alone in our trouble. We all know that the poor girl did not kill herself; but we can do nothing. It all depends on the police, and it is to them that we must look for the capture of my sister's slayer.

Sunday she was the life of the house. She sang and played the piano, and was not in the least bit different than she was always. I heard her say when she left the house, "I'm going to keep a date," but I paid no attention to it. I had heard her say that many times before, and we all thought she was joking.

When father started out this morning to find her I went with him, and, as a matter of fact, we both laughed over the fear of my mother and my sisters and brothers. After we had visited a number of homes, however, where we thought Bessie would surely be found, we began to get alarmed, and when Elsie Williams told about meeting Bessie down on West street, near the Old Pier, Sunday night we both almost ran to the spot.

Then father and I came up to the village, when we found no trace of Bessie on the beach, and notified the neighbors, and in the search began which resulted in the finding of my sister's dead body.

It has been a terrible shock to us all. My mother has been prostrated by the news of the tragedy. My father is almost in a state of nervous collapse.

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WOMEN DENY SEEING GIRL SUNDAY NIGHT
In the house of Charles H. Trow, employed only Monday night that she had seen the place where Miss Davis's body was found on Sunday night, according to the Boston Herald.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY READY FOR ACTION

District Attorney W. Scott Powers of Essex County, after he received word that the body of Miss Davis had been found, immediately telegraphed to the BOSTON AMERICAN with a request for fresh details on the finding of the body.

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Problem of Discovering Her Unknown Companion on the Rocks Sunday Night Now Confronts the Authorities.

These are the mystifying problems in the Davis case which confront the police of Beverly to-day, and the unravelling will call for the assistance of Chief Shaw of the State police and his staff of detectives. In addition to these will be District Attorney Peters, who will conduct, as is customary in such cases, his own investigation, the finding of which will in turn be submitted to Attorney-General Parker later in the week.

FAC-SIMILE OF FRAGMENTS OF NOTE WHEN PIECED TOGETHER.

Pieces of letter found on rocks, writer of which, police believe, can tell whether Miss Davis was slain or committed suicide. The fragmentary note may prove one of the most important clues to solving the mystery.

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The delegation, which numbered eighty-five uniformed men, including Jeremiah McCarthy, Surveyor of the port of Boston; John S. Danneil, former Chief of the Boston Fire Department; and other officials, was accompanied by forty ladies who were received by a committee of the Veteran Firemen's Association of this city. Survivors of the old volunteer fire department of two score years ago were out in force today to welcome the members of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of Charlestown, Mass., who arrived in Philadelphia for a three days' visit.

This afternoon the entire party was taken to the City Hall Plaza, where, with the members of the local Veterans' association, they were photographed. Afterwards the visiting delegation and the Philadelphia Veterans paraded down Broad street to Chestnut, and thence to Independence Hall, where they were welcomed by Mayor Weaver. Mr. Hill, who was the marshal of the parade, and his organization were accompanied by a band and had their old band engine in the line.

taken on a trip down the river to Long Island and other points of interest on the Delaware River. On Thursdays they set off by bus and on Saturdays they can be driven through Fairmount Park, and will also inspect Baldwin's Lockmiller Works, the United States Mint, and other places, and in the evening will be given a reception at the headquarters of the Veterans Fremont Association.

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When You Know What You Contain,
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Do you think astrology, palmistry, etc., is a science?

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Mr. Carson is one of about eighty millions of Americans that are asking, "How can I succeed?"

It is THE American question. Magazines are published simply to answer that question. All millionaires are begged to answer it, over their signatures. Clergymen deal with it occasionally. Modern college presidents make it their specialty.

This reader of ours, Mr. Carson, goes at the old, old question in a very sensible way, when he asks: "How can one best find out the work ONE CAN BEST DO?"

That is a very wise preliminary question.

Most of us simply think of what we **WANT** to do, without taking the trouble to find out whether we **CAN** do the work or not. It is with most of us as though a cow should decide to lay an egg, or a duck to give milk—and then spend the rest of life blaming the world for failure.

Analysis of your own character is the great preliminary to successful effort—first make up your mind what you **ARE FIT FOR**, then go at it.

There are many doctors that should be digging ditches, many lawyers fitted for anything but concentrated mental work. A little self-examination, with modesty and self-depreciation for a foundation, might have saved them much disappointment.

We should dwell more fully on this important matter, but it happens that Mr. Carson's question was answered at length in the editorial page of last Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. There, if the matter interests you, you may learn something about the menagerie that makes up the being you call "MYSELF," and you will read a rather interesting, and possibly slightly new, view of our material and spiritual composition.

No, we do NOT think palmistry, phrenology or astrology of any value as a guide to character. Palmistry is amusing foolery. Astrology was the amusement and profitable game of the would-be-wise before they had REAL knowledge to guide them.

Do you think a rabbit born out in the lot, just as the Empire State Express was passing, is going to be influenced in life by that Empire State? No! Then how can you believe that when you—poor little insect—were born it could make any difference what point the great planets or suns had reached on their travels?

Phrenology enables human beings to hear compliments at a very reasonable rate each.

There are a thousand kinds of well-shaped heads—we know they are well-shaped after we know what they have produced. Anybody can tell a microcephalic idiot at a glance, and anybody can

tell a head well formed and promising or a head ill-shaped—that is about all there is to that. It is the inside of the hickory nut, and, of the head, that counts, not the accidental outside shape. Whatever the wise phrenologist knows the common sense man knows. The latter knows more, for he is not blinded by theories that he wants to prove at any cost.

"What are the qualities that make for success?"

It depends on the success that is made.

Imagination of high order might interfere with a commercial career—and the lack of it would necessarily ruin a poet.

A trained nurse requires instincts different from those of a Tamerlane or a Rough Rider.

Our qualities and their possibilities of usefulness are as numerous as the fruits and flowers.

Each one of us should try to know what is **IN HIM**, then undertake the work that he is fitted for.

Don't be the round peg in a square hole—you will waste your life trying to make the hole round—and finish unsuccessfully.

We are inclined to think that our earnest readers will be interested in last Sunday's editorial, and we should like to hear their opinions of the notion advanced in it.

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Radium Hints at the World's Age

By Prof. Edgar L. Larkin

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Little Bit of a Baby Boy

By James Montague

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LITTLE bit of a baby boy—
 Never could have his way,
 Never a gleam or a glint of joy,
 Life a long rainy day,
 Either always too long to tell
 The stories he loved to hear,
 No one to comfort him when he fell,
 No one to ease the tear,
 Always so healthy, his mother said—
 Couldn't get sick or tired,
 Just had to see he was washed and fed
 And punished him when he cried,
 Only the angels in Heaven knew
 The ache in that little heart,
 Away up there in the sky of blue
 They knew him and loved him best,
 And so when a cloud came sailing low,
 Came out of that sky above,
 The little fellow was glad to go—
 For 'oh, how he longed for love.'

Little Editorials from the People

HERE is an open forum for a full and free discussion of any timely question. Letters from BOSTON AMERICAN readers are cordially welcomed. If you have an opinion to express, say so. If you wish to enter a protest, do so. To insure speedy publication, letters should be brief, say two hundred words.

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No. 24 Davis street, Boston.

**WHAT IS YOUR GUESS ON THE
PRESIDENTIAL VOTE?**

**HOW DOES THIS COMPARISON OF
PULPIT AND PRESS STRIKE YOU?**

EDITOR BOSTON AMERICAN:
A natural-born fool is to be pitied:

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IN BUGVILLE



MISS SOCIETY FLY—These window pane dances are so fatiguing!



CROOK BUG—Ah! False whiskers! I wonder if my creditors will know me now.



BUG—Well, I'll be hanged if they haven't gone and made a dish of stewed peas out of our baseballs!



MRS. BUG—Well, well, I must get a rolling pin like that. Then I'll bet Henry will keep straight!

The Special Episcopal Convention Number of the Great Boston Sunday American Will Be Printed Next Sunday